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April 18 thru 20, 1959 material

Synopsis of State and Intelligence material reported to the President

IRAQ

Communist pressures have resulted in a number of personnel changes in important Iraqi government posts, and a major revision of the Iraqi cabinet is reported to be impending.

According to -- holds that there is no alternative to continuing the present UK policy in Iraq, avoiding actions embarrassing to relations with Qasim, and trying to find ways to help him. So far no decision has been reached on an arms offer, but the favors it and other projects. feels Qasim has not given in to every Communist demand, and the label "Communist" is being used indiscriminately in regard to Iraq.

SUDAN

Premier Abboud is again reported preparing to retire. Meanwhile, continuing dissension in the Supreme Military Council makes a shake-up of the Sudanese cabinet appear increasingly likely.

YEMEN

Crown Prince Badr and Nasir have agreed that all foreign diplomatic missions in Yemen will be closed and that representation will be conducted through Cairo. The move may be aimed primarily at reducing Communist-bloc influence in Yemen and suggests the heretofore pro-Soviet Badr is falling in line with Nasir's anti-Communist campaign.

BERLIN

In summing up the first week's deliberations our delegation lists the following remaining important issues to be either resolved by the working group or referred to the respective Governments: (1) the extent of the responsibilities of the proposed all-German Committee; (2) the details of Western security proposals; (3) the UN role in Berlin; (4) the possible extension of the basis for the West's Berlin rights; and (5) the tactics to be used at the Foreign Ministers Conference.

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Meanwhile, Embassy Paris has been informed by the Foreign Office that Hammarskjold had stated to the French UN Representative he felt it would be desirable if the UN could be associated in some manner with the Foreign Ministers Conference. He therefore suggested he might give a brief welcoming address in Geneva but then leave the conference. According to the Foreign Office the USSR, the UK and France have already agreed to this suggestion.

We informed the British Embassy on Friday it would be necessary for us to undertake further flights into Berlin above 10,000 feet if the press continued to speculate on a split on this subject between the Allies and within the US Government.

Moscow is preparing a bloc foreign ministers' conference in Warsaw, probably in April but certainly before 11 May, according to the Yugoslav Embassy in Moscow.



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